

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Atty Dkt. 330-243

C# M#

MURAKAMI, Akira

C/A.U.

1731

Serial No. 10/058,236

Examiner: Lopez

Filed: January 29, 2002

Date: November 14, 2005

Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING SUBSTRATE BLANK, SUBSTRATE AND
INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUMCommissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment 0 minus highest number
previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment 0 minus highest number
previously paid for 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$200.00 \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add
\$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051) \$

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this
paper and attachment(s)
One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)
Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252)
Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253)/\$510.00 (2253)
Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254)/\$795.00 (2254) \$

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$130.00 (1814)/\$65.00 (2814) \$

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee \$180.00 (1806) \$

Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (8021) \$

Other: \$

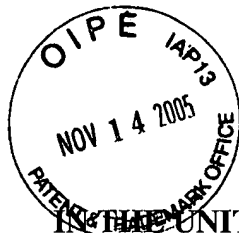
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 0.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor
Arlington, Virginia 22203-1808
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100
ARC:eaw

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.
By Atty: Arthur R. Crawford, Reg. No. 25,327

Signature: _____



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

MURAKAMI, Akira

Atty. Ref.: 330-243; Confirmation No. 2265

Appl. No. 10/058,236

TC/A.U. 1731

Filed: January 29, 2002

Examiner: Lopez

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING SUBSTRATE BLANK, SUBSTRATE AND
INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM

* * * * *

November 14, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE

This is responsive to the Official Action of August 19, 2005. Claims 1-13 remain active in the application. Of these claims 1, 6 and 8 are rejected as allegedly being anticipated by the primary reference while the remaining claims are rejected as lacking patentability over the disclosures of the primary reference taken in combination with secondary references. Compare item 1 with items 2-5.

The discussion in the Official Action seems to focus primarily on Figure 2 of the primary reference. Before addressing these five prior art-based rejections, it is important to again summarize the objective of the present invention, the problems to which it is directed, and the results obtained.

The object of the present invention is to provide a method for efficiently producing a substrate blank as an intermediate for a substrate by a direct press method, in which the occurrence of undulation is prevented and the substrate blank is produced with high accuracy (specification, page 2, line 34 to page 3, line 2). In the production of a substrate blank by a direct